

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-54 (Cancelled)

Claim 55 (Currently Amended) A method for connecting a connector to an exposed end of a coaxial cable having an outer conductor, an inner conductor, and insulation disposed about the inner conductor, the outer conductor having a lead end and the inner conductor defining a channel and having a lead end, the method comprising:

displacing a portion of the insulation adjacent the lead end of one of the inner conductor and the outer conductor with a tool comprising a support and a projection and at least one protrusion extending from the support, the projection having a longitudinal axis and the protrusion being arcuate about the longitudinal axis and having an arc length of less than 90 degrees, by inserting the projection into the channel so that the protrusion contacts a surface adjacent said lead end of one of the inner conductor and outer conductor and displaces the portion of the insulation; and

removing the support, projection and protrusion from the exposed end of the coaxial cable.

Claim 56 (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein the displacing of the portion of the insulation includes rotating the tool after the projection has been inserted into the channel.

Claim 57 (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein the protrusion includes a wedge surface for displacing the portion of the insulation.

Claim 58 (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein there are two protrusions for displacing the portion of the insulation.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 55 further comprising:~~ A method for connecting a connector to an exposed end of a coaxial cable having an outer conductor, an inner conductor, and insulation disposed about the inner conductor, the outer conductor having a lead end and the inner conductor defining a channel and having a lead end, the method comprising:

displacing a portion of the insulation adjacent the lead end of one of the inner conductor and the outer conductor with a tool comprising a support and a projection and at least one protrusion extending from the support by inserting the projection into the channel so that the

protrusion contacts a surface adjacent said lead end of one of the inner conductor and outer conductor and displaces the portion of the insulation, and

positioning on the exposed end of the coaxial cable a connector having a projection and a substantially annular lip so that the projection is received by the channel and the substantially annular lip of the connector engages the outside of the lead end of the inner conductor.

Claim 60 (Original) The method of claim 59 wherein the projection includes a radially resilient portion which engages the inside of the lead end of the inner conductor during the positioning of the coaxial cable.

Claim 61 (Original) The method of claim 55 further including causing relative rotation between the tool and the coaxial cable during the displacing of the portion of the insulation.

Claim 62 (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein the tool includes a reforming member, and further including reforming the lead end of the outer conductor during the relative rotation between the tool and the coaxial cable with the reforming member.

Claim 63 (Original) The method of claim 62 wherein the reforming member and the protrusion define a gap receiving the lead end of the outer conductor during the relative rotation between the tool and the coaxial cable.